

First Poultry Farm

Herrick Archives Numbers H 230/232

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

1.2.1 These buildings are commonly referred to as the "first poultry farm" presumably because the earlier poultry buildings (H 128-130) had been part of a general barn grouping. (See H 128-130.) The entire group was also referred to as the "poultry plant".

1.2.2 The three buildings in this group were referred to as follows:

H 230 - Instruction Building
Poultry Laboratory
Poultry Building
Poultry Demonstration House

See Addenda No. 2, 3

H 231 - Laying Pens (2 story section on west end was referred to on drawings as "Feed Room."

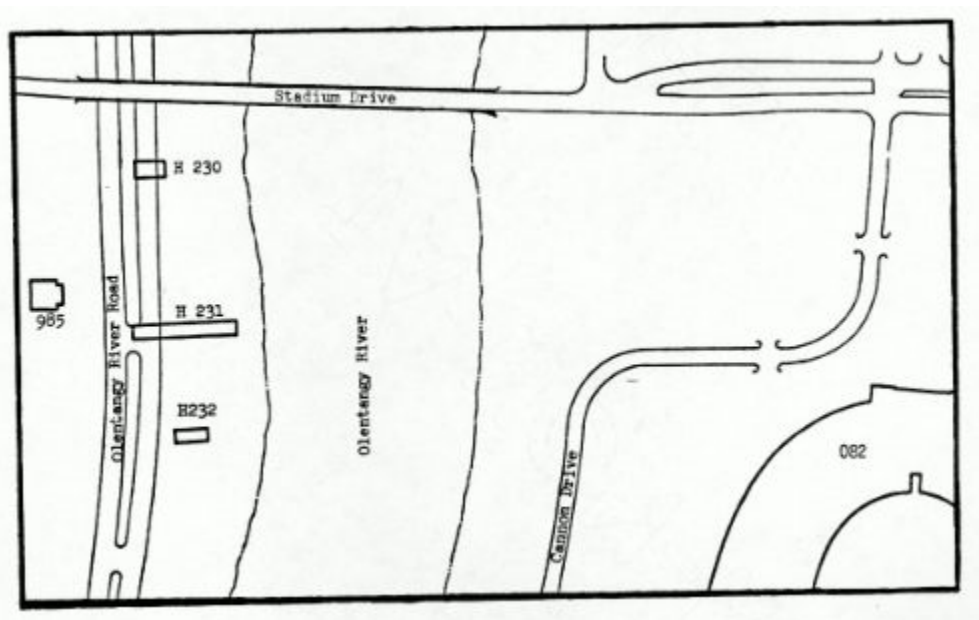
See Addendum No. 4

H 232 - Brooder House (on drawings)

See Addendum No. 4

2. Location

2.1 On west bank of the Olentangy River east of Building 985 and between the present Olentangy River and the Olentangy River Road. See sketch below.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

All of wood construction.

3.2 No. of stories:

All one story except west end of H 231 was of two stories and H 230 had a basement and two stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions noted.

3.4 Sizes of building:

3.4.1 McCracken gives 42,000 cubic feet for the "Poultry Buildings." (McC2:285) H 230 is now known as Building 249 in a new location. Campus Planning records show 3962 gross sq. ft. and 2964 net assignable sq. ft. Physical Plant records show 39,000 cubic feet. It would appear that McCracken's 42,000 cubic feet applied to H 230 only.

3.4.2 The one-story part of H 231 was 18' x 154 1/2'; the two-story part of the west end was approximately 20' X 30' on each floor. Thus the total gross area was slightly below 4,000 sq. ft. These dimensions are from the original drawings.

3.4.3 H 232 was 18 1/2' x 50 1/4', according to the original drawings. Thus the gross area was approximately 930 sq. ft.

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

- Plans for all these buildings were prepared by Joseph N. Bradford.

2. The Board of Trustees on January 19, 1912 approved plans for a "poultry building to be erected west of the Veterinary Clinic (H 206). A month later (February 21), the location was changed and it was "ordered that the breeding and laying pens" be located on the high ground west of the river. This suggests that the Board actions on January 19 and February 21 had to do with Building H 231 and H 232, but firm evidence on this point has not been found,
3. The Board of Trustees on June 28, 1912 approved the plans for a building to be used for poultry instruction (presumably H 230) to be located west of the river near the other poultry buildings (presumably H 231 and H 232).
4. Drawings for H 230 in the University Architect's vault are dated June 1912 and carry the designation "Job 374." Drawings for the other two buildings are not dated but carry the designation "Order No. 20." Thus the numbers 374 and 20 support the inference that plans for H 230 were approved in June and plans for H 231 and 232 were approved in June 1912.
5. No information has been found relative to bidding or award of contracts. University Architect's records list Palmer and Moon as the general contractor on Building H 230.
6. Formal opening of the three buildings was on October 12, 1912 (Ag. Student 19:228 - November 1912). According to this announcement, Building H 231 and H 232 had been in use for some time, but H 230 had just recently been completed. University Architect's records list December 20, 1912 as the date of completion of H 230.

C. COST

1. The Board's action on January 19, 1912 (H 231 and H 232) included an estimate of \$2900, The estimate for H 230 (June 28) was for the same amount. This suggests a total cost estimate of \$5800 for the three buildings.
2. Business office reports carry these buildings at a total of \$5199.51 through 1936-39. All publicity at the time of construction (e.g. L July 25, 1912 and M 4:6 - March 1913) give \$7500 as the cost, which apparently was the amount appropriated. Machinery and equipment may not be included in the \$5199.51. University Architect's records give \$2753.74 as the project cost for H 230.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. In addition to Building H 230/32, the First Poultry Farm also included numerous "colony houses" (L 4/2/13).

E. DISPOSITION OF BUILDINGS

1. All three buildings were later moved to new locations and are still in use.
2. The Board of Trustees on April 4, 1925 appropriated \$1900 to move "the Poultry Building" to a new site so as to clear the way for a ramp on the south side of the Stadium Drive embankment. The contract for moving the building was awarded to the Muth Bros. by Cabinet on July 9, 1925.

This building (H 230) is now known as the Bee Laboratory (Building 249).

3. The two story section of H 231 is now the east end of Building 250, Poultry Brooding House. The adjoining low section of Building 250 was constructed from H 232 and the one-story portion of H 231.

The date of moving H 231 and H 232 is not known with certainty. They are completed in their new location (Building 250 in Photograph X1008 (a 1929). Professor Emeritus A. B. Winter recalls that tar was being

put on the roof of Building 250 during the winter of 1926-27, which suggests 1926 as the date of moving.

The Agricultural Student (32:239 - May 1926) reported that some chicks to stock the new poultry plant on Olentangy River Road (H 315/22) would be hatched at the "old plant" across the river. The "old plant" probably refers to H 231/32, even though it was not "across the river." This reference supports 1926 as the moving date.

F. PHOTOGRAPHS

X7406 - shows upper part of H 230 over Stadium Drive bridge

X2664 - from Stadium site Building H 230 quite clear; others not so clear

X12937 - H 230 and H 231 from northwest.

Note: Photographs of Building 249 are a good representation of H 230, which has changed little in exterior appearance. The two-story part of H 231 has changed more in fenestration, but is still well represented by photographs of the east end of Building 250.

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ADDENDUM NO. 1

Address arbitrarily assigned for indexing purposes: 2000 Olentangy River Road.

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ADDENDUM NO. 2

The Agricultural Student in the October 1913 issue (p. 250) reported that a "pheasant house" had been constructed at this location.

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May 24, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 3

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Poultry Husbandry Building (H 230)

Poultry Pens (H 231)

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ADDENDUM NO. 4

The following additional names for these buildings have been found on old campus maps:

Chicken House (H 231 & 232)

Store House - Chicken House (H 221)

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